

Dear Sirs, the following concerns BPL.

BPL seems to be the answer for a problem that doesn't exist. With cable and DSL, high speed internet is both convenient and widespread. Couple that with the several Satellite based services that offer phenomenal download speeds for computer users, one begins to wonder about the actual need for a service (BPL) that will assuredly cause unacceptable interference for Licensed Amateur Radio stations and SWLers. (I realize that the contention will be made that domestic shortwave broadcasters are not to target U.S. audiences, but there are indeed a wealth of foreign stations that are useful and informative. The reception of these stations will suffer as well)

Unfortunately, as with many other proposals by government run organizations, the course of action seems to have been determined before the organization begins to solicit comments. I've been to city council hearings designed to take the pulse of the people prior to an action by the council, where 2/3 of the people oppose the action, but the council adopts it anyway. What is the purpose of soliciting opinions that the agency (the FCC in this case) has no intent on considering?

For the FCC to demand that Licensed Services be protected from BPL, but for the protection to preclude "mobile stations" is ludicrous. This is not equivalent to the sporadic interference that might occur from various facilities utilizing equipment known to cause some RFI, but would be a systematic and widespread RFI radiating from powerlines over very large areas.

The radio spectrum is becoming increasingly useless, with Public Services being interfered with by cell phone and paging networks. Don't add to the confusion with another ill considered service (BPL) that has no real need for existence. The financial gains to the power industry will be financial losses to the phone companies and cable industries, therefore no real gain will have been achieved concerning the economy, save for the very transient need for people to acquire the requisite equipment.

Sincerely,

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